

# Internet Exchange Nepal (NPIX) and South Asian Network Operators Group (SANOG) - A brief Introduction

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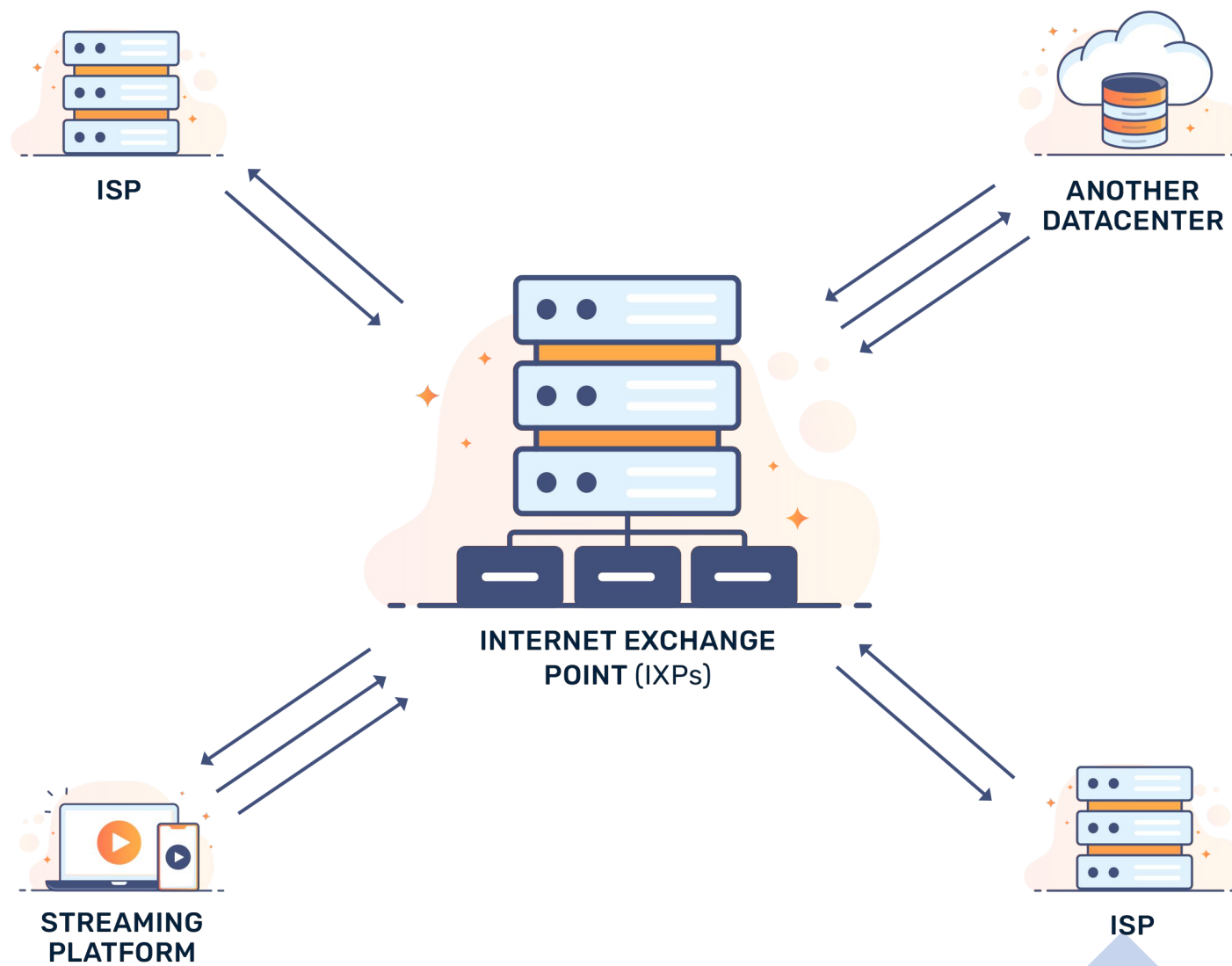
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- Internet Exchange Nepal, commonly known as **npIX**, was established in **2002** as Nepal's first Internet Exchange point.
- npIX is registered as a **not for profit company**
- Currently we have **40 plus members peering at 2 locations**,
- npIX facilitates keeping **local traffic local**, making surfing much **faster** with local content for local customers, at the same time **saving international bandwidth**.

# Internet Exchange basic diagram



# NPIX POPs & PEERS

**DataHub  
POP  
(Kathmandu)**

**Accessworld  
POP  
(Patan)**

TechMinds

NREN

Arrownet

InfoDeveloper

Sky Broadband

Cloud Himalaya

Broadlink

Vianet

DoIT

PrimeNetwork

ClassicTech

Nepal Police

Nepal Telecom

Pokhara Internet

WorldFiber

DishMedia

Ncell

PrabhuTV

PCH

CGNET

F1Soft

Fiber World

Chitrawan

Cloud Eight

Syntegrate

First Link

CDS clearing

Subisu

**Accessworld  
POP  
(Patan)**

IBSS

HONS

Dataspace

Worldlink

NetTV

SajiloNet

Kantipur

Mercantile

FiberWorld

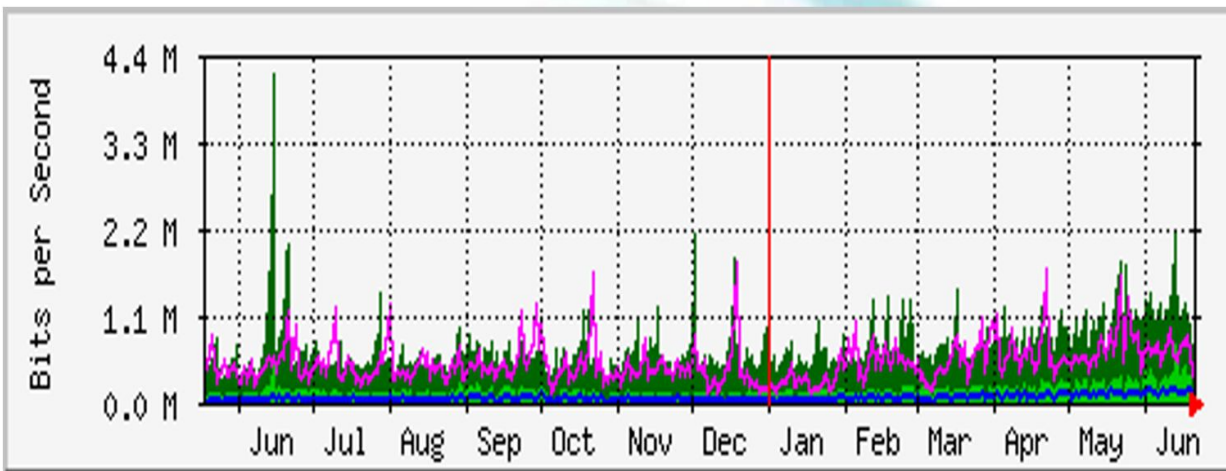
Websurfer

Umrao DC

UltraneT

## 2004 (1Mbps)

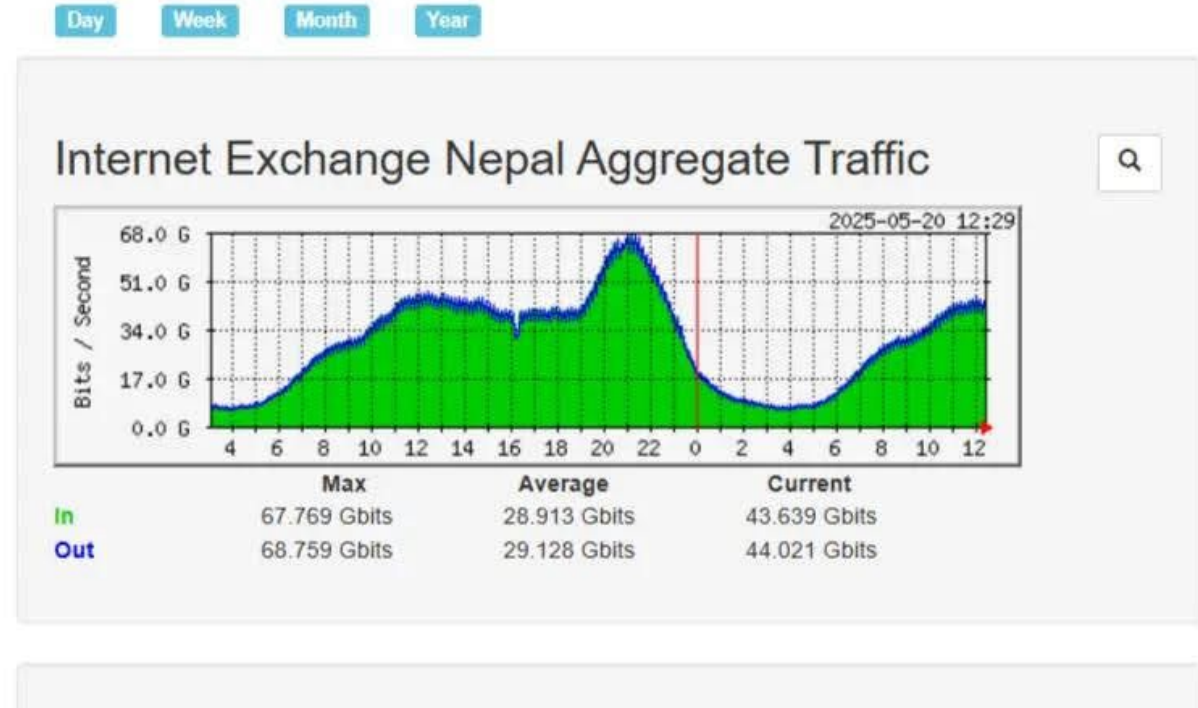
MRTG Graph of one of the peering ISP depicting growth in usage of nplX traffic



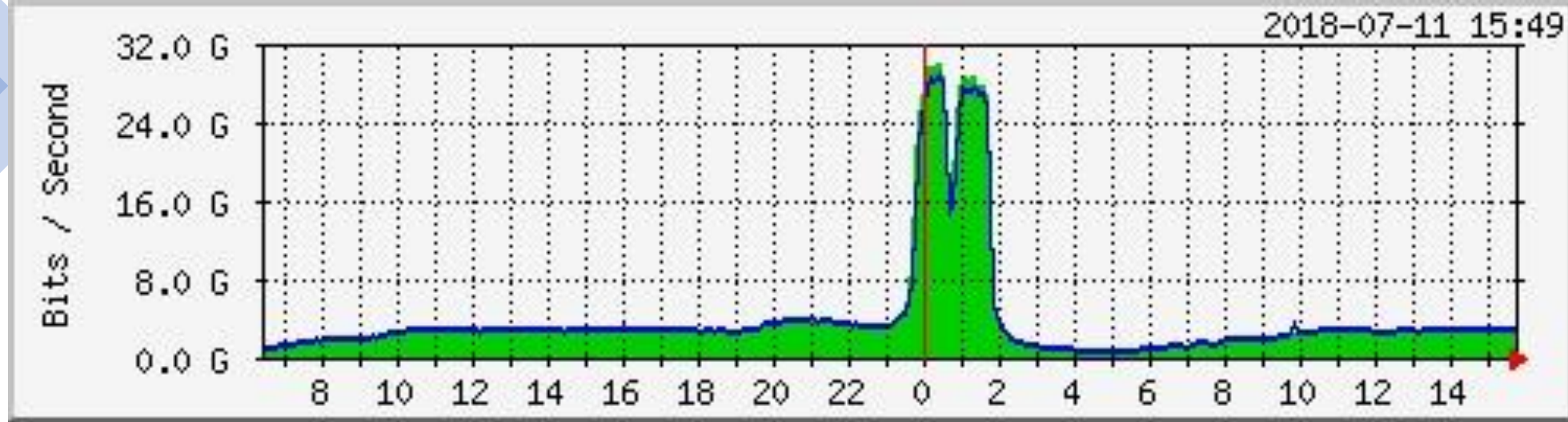
Presentation at 13<sup>th</sup> AMIC Annual Conference, Bangkok 2004



## May 2025 (68Gbps)



# FIFA WORLD CUP 2018



NEWS

## 32G TRAFFIC AT NPIX AND WORLD CUP 2018 EXPERIENCE

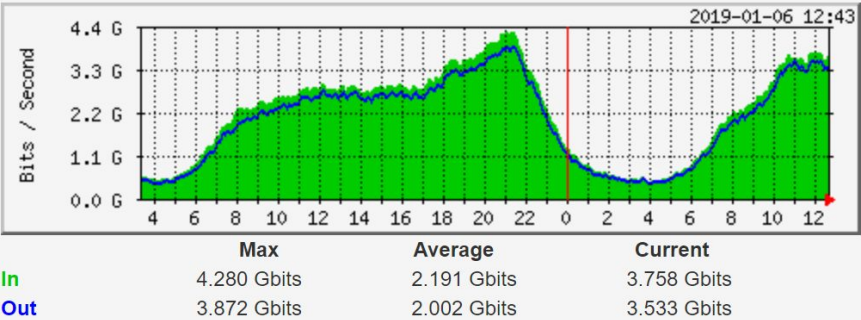
🕒 JULY 17, 2018 👤 RUPESH SHRESTHA 💬 LEAVE A COMMENT

Worldcup 2018 saw historic data exchange in npIX with traffic peaking up to 32G during some key matches. Most of the people in Nepal may not even realise the fact that their FIFA worldcup experience was good because of our small Internet exchange and how it contributed to their smooth viewing experience. There were efforts put in by some people to help npIX conduct timely upgrades to facilitate this unexpected surge in traffic. Kudos to technical volunteers of npIX who instead of watching worldcup matches were busy looking (happily) at traffic growth in npIX every day. Some key matches of Argentina and Brazil had good traffic growth to show Nepali fan following for soccer teams of these countries. This event has certainly triggered us to upgrade our resources further and be ready for future and wait for further historic records being broken.

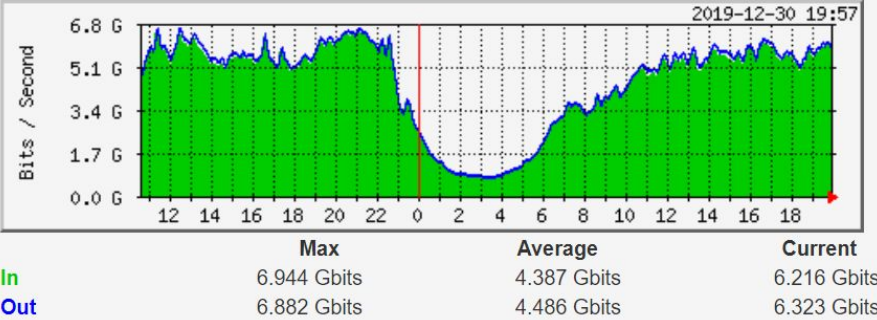
We are happy to serve Nepali Internet users and our members with continuous improvements and committed to expand our presence for greater user benefit. 32 Gbps ..... yeay!!! 😊

<https://nms2.npix.net.np/statistics/ixp>

Day Graph 2019 AGM (4.4G)

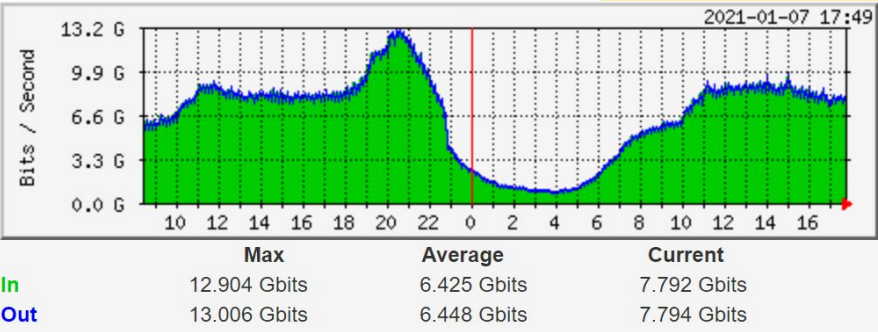


Day Graph 2021 AGM (6.8G)



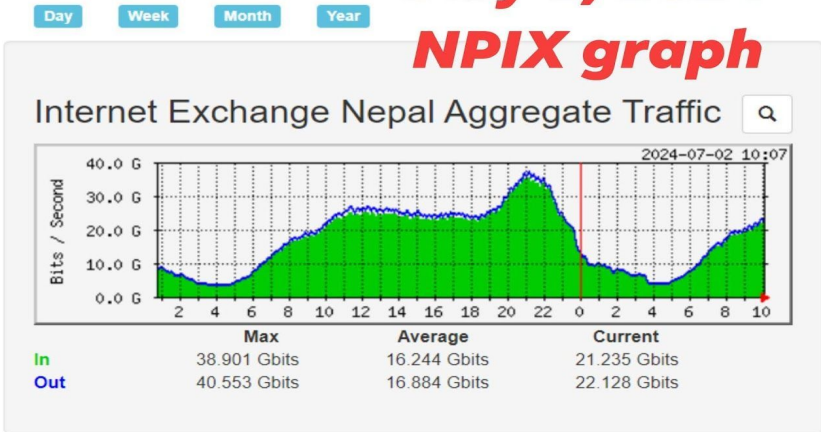
2023 AGM (34.2G)

2020 AGM (13.2G)

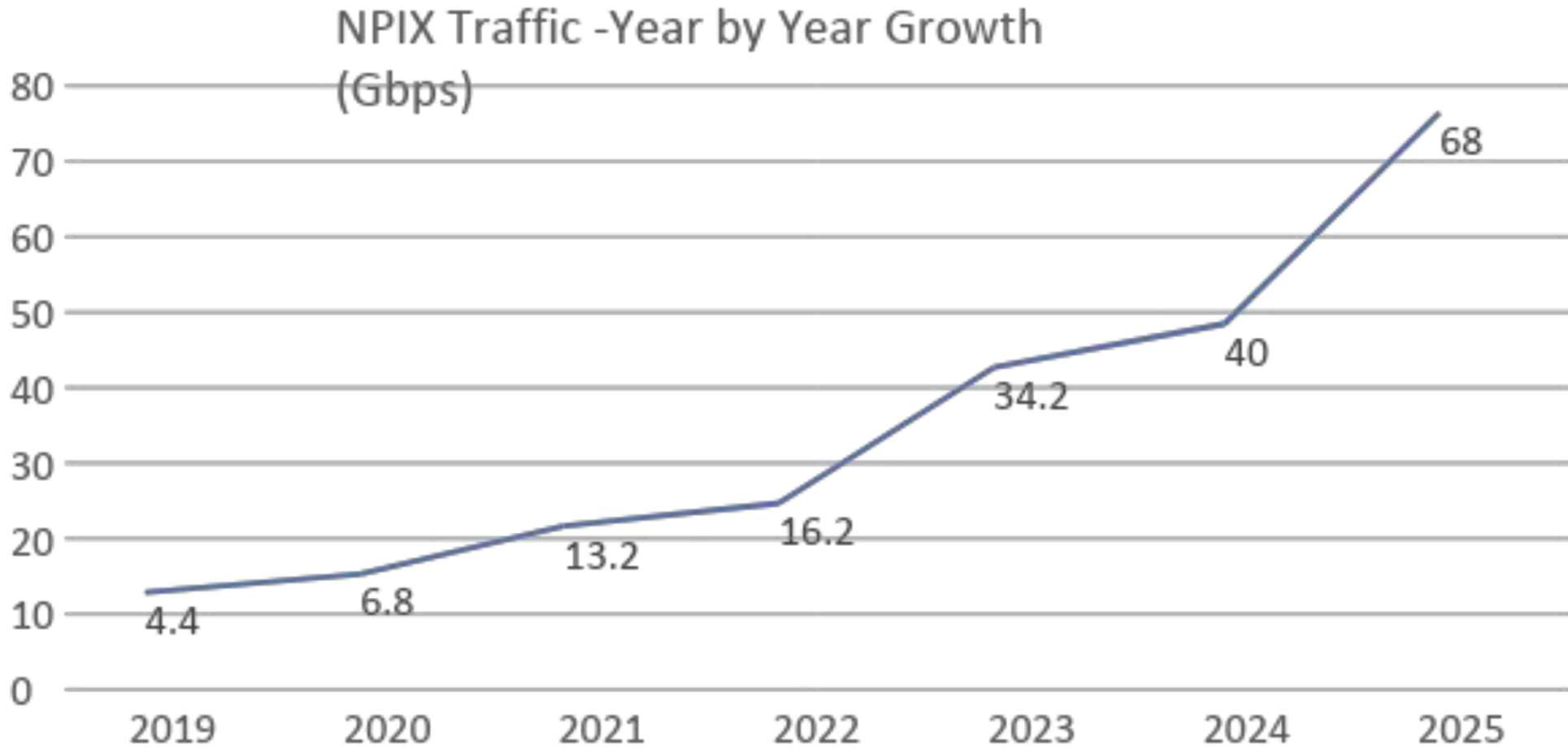


2022 AGM (16.2G)

July 2, 2024  
NPIX graph



# Traffic Growth





# Infra Offering

- Layer 2 switching fabric.
- Quarantine, Management and Production Network.
- 1G /10G /40G and 100G ports available for members.
- 1G/10G Port free up to 2 POPs.
- 42 Members connected.
- NetNod i-root server.
- M-root server.
- PCH with D and E-root server, carries about 125 ccTLDs and Quad DNS.
- Route server and looking glass
- Support and Secretariat–Workalaya & NREN.



**(South Asian Network Operators Group)**

*SANOG provides a regional forum to discuss operational issues and technologies of interest to network operators in the South Asian Region.*

# Total Events:

42

WORKSHOPS

TUTORIALS

CONFERENCE

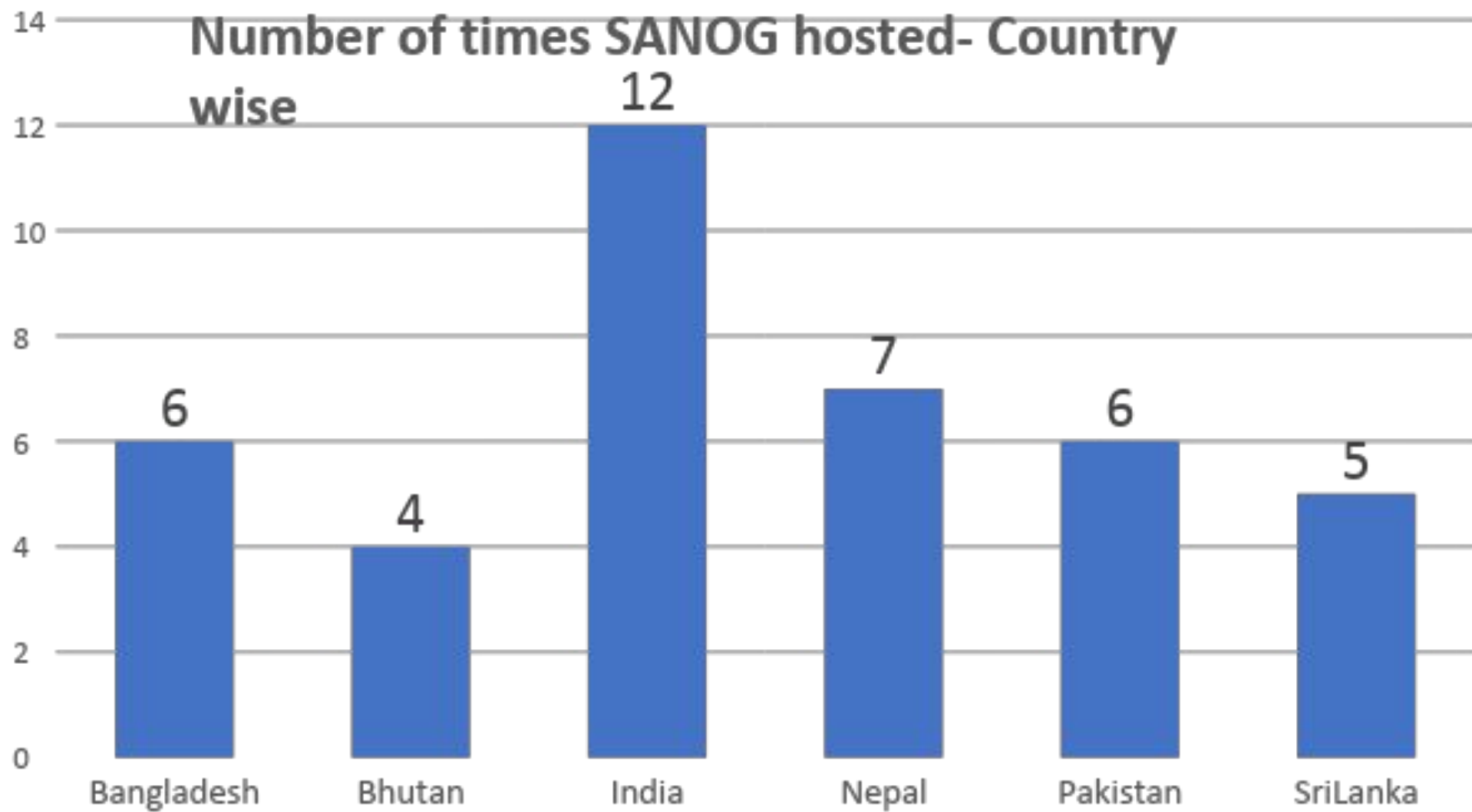


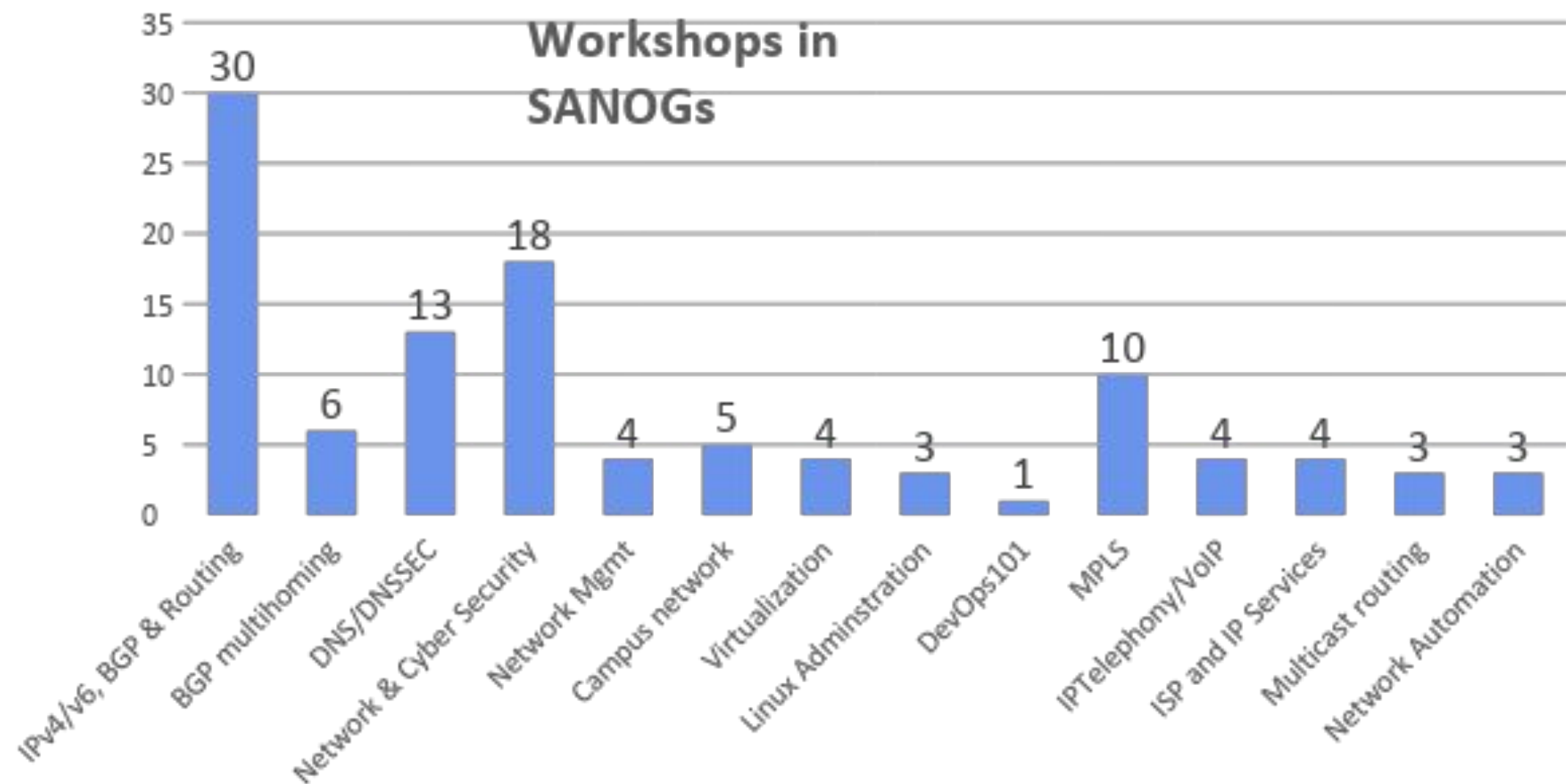
South Asian Network Operators' Group

**Network Operations  
and Technology  
Related Education  
and Advocacy.**

## START

- SANOG 1: 23-28 January, 2003, Kathmandu, Nepal (hosted with [CAN IT Conference](#))
- [SANOG 2: 20-27 July, 2003 Colombo, Sri Lanka \(hosted with Netsa \)](#)
- [SANOG 3: 15-22 January, 2004, Bangalore, India](#)
- [SANOG 4: 23-30 July, 2004, Kathmandu, Nepal](#)
- [SANOG 5: 06-13 February, 2005, Dhaka, Bangladesh](#)
- [SANOG 6: 16-24 July, 2005, Thimphu, Bhutan](#)
- [SANOG 7: 16-24 Januray, 2006, Mumbai, India](#)
- SANOG 8: 27 July - 4 August 2006





- Total 109 workshops till date .



NPIX and NPNOG hosted **SANOG-38** in Kathmandu, Nepal in July 2022.

# SANOG

## South Asian Network Operators' Group



### SANOG Future Strategy Decisions:

#### 1. Event format:

*From the year 2025, SANOG will have **one event per year**.*

- a. 2-3days Conference and Tutorial*
- b. Supporting local NOG for Workshop, Streaming, fellowships etc.*

#### 3. South Asian Partners events:

*Parallel side events during the Conference.*

- a. Security CERT, National REN meet, NOG meet, IX meet, Datacenter meet, 5G, AI, IOT, Cloud, Network Policy etc*

#### 3. Governance:

*SANOG Core Com with South Asian Local NOG representatives, PC Chair, Fellowship Chair and SANOG Chair.*

- b. BTNOG, NPNOG, INNOG, BDNOG, LKNOG, PKN OG.*

#### 4. Branding and Fellowships:

*Increasing Branding and Outreach efforts. Continue Fellowships for more regional cooperation.*

#### 5. Network Operations and Technology Related Education and Advocacy.



# SANOG-39

## Conference Venue:

Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel, Karwan Bazar, Dhaka

Date: 09<sup>th</sup> May, 2023

## Workshop Venue:

Intercontinental Dhaka, Shahbagh, Dhaka

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2023



## SANOG-39/bdNOG-16

May 09-13, 2023

Dhaka, Bangladesh

Host: ISP Association of Bangladesh



# SANOG-40

Conference Venue:

Hotel Hilton Colombo, Sri Lanka

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2023

Workshop Venue:

The Galle Face Hotel

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2023

# SANOG-40/LKNOG-7

16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2023

Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Host: LKNOG.





## SANOG 41:: Mumbai, India

Conference: 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024 : Hotel Trident

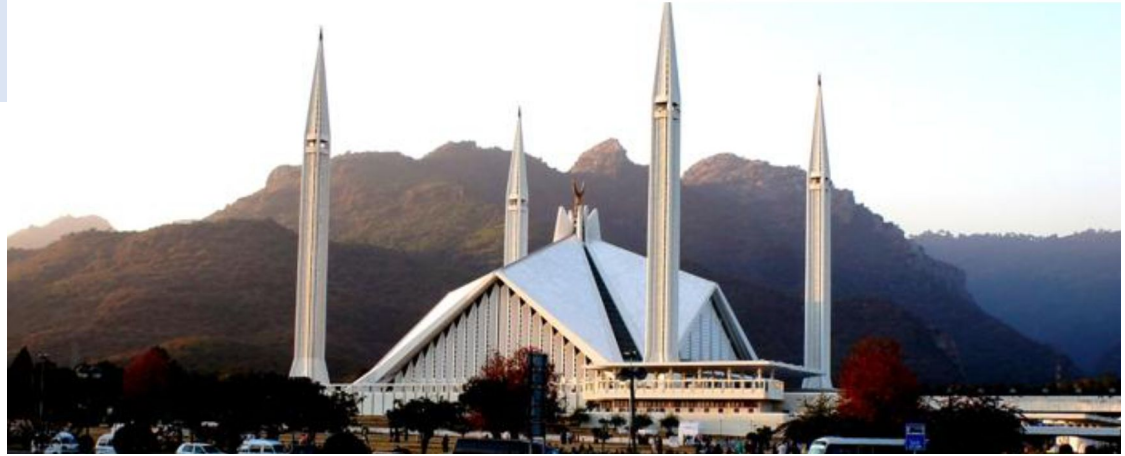
Workshop: 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024 : Hotel Meluha Fern



## SANOG 42:: Islamabad, Pakistan

21<sup>st</sup> October to 25 October 2024.

Venue: Islamabad Marriott Hotel



## Next SANOG Event

**SANOG 43:: BHUTAN.**

**Conference – 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2025.**

**btNOG Workshop: 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> August 2025.**

# Thank you.

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